GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:187
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BELOW POVERTY LINE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government and Union Territory has represented to lift the restriction on enrolment of number of people under the Below Poverty Line(BPL) scheme; and

(b) if so, the action taken to include those who had been deprived of the benefit?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTAITON, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development has been receiving communications from various State Governments/UT Administrations seeking advice to finalise the BPL Census (2002) results.

(b): The Ministry of Rural Development has advised the State Governments/UT Administrations to complete the BPL Census (2002) by June, 2003, within certain guidelines. However, due to the ruling of the Hon`ble Supreme Court in People`s Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) Writ Petition No. 196 of 2001, the concerned authorities have been advised not to finalise the results of the BPL Census (2002) until the next hearing and till then the results of the BPL Census conducted in 1997 may be utilised for the purpose of implementation of the programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development.